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TOTAL CLAIMS	43	34	8	x \$ 18.00	x \$ 9.00	\$72.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6	5	1	x \$ 84.00	x \$ 42.00	\$42.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS				\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$
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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper #7), please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet and a new sheet of drawings.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.